(a) did the Ernakulam Mail (Anchal) miss train on any day or days during the last six months ;

(b) if so, for what reason ;

(c) has the Superintendent taken any action in the matter ;

(d) will a copy of his report be placed on the Council table ;

(e) what was the Government order thereon ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes, on three occasions.

(b) The officers responsible did not wake up in time.

(c) Yes.

(d) A copy of the report is placed on the table (*Appendix III*).

(e) On further representation the Anchal-master responsible was given one more chance to improve.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is not the missing of trains for tapals a serious charge against an officer ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—It is stated here that it is a very serious case and yet he is given a 4th chance. Is it because of want of better hands in the department ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran —He begged te be excused and one more chance was given.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether Government consider that a qualification ?

President.—That is an ironical question.

Increase of receipts by enhancement of Anchal rates.

219. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what is the excess amount which the Government had been able to realise in 1108 consequent on the increase in Anchal and Hundi rates ;

(b) during the last 10 years how many times has the Government increased Anchal and Hundi rates ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Please see answer to question No. 205.

(b) Anchal rates twice (1097 and 1108); and Hundi rates once (1108).

Offices held in Ramavarmapuram.

220. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(a) the names of offices now held at Ramavarmapuram.

(b) whether there is accommodation there to hold any more offices ;

(c) whether the Government has any idea of shifting any more offices to that place ; and if so, which of the offices ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) 1. Office of the Comptroller of Accounts.

2. Office of the Conservator of Forests.
3. Office of the Superintendent of Anchal.
4. Office of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies.
5. Office of the Protector of Depressed Classes.
6. Office of the Board of Examiners.
7. Office of the Assistant Engineer, Central Division.

(b) Yes.

(c) The shifting of the Land Record Office is under consideration.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is there any other office that is intended to be shifted to Ramavarmapuram? The shifting of the Land Record Office is under consideration. Is there any other office than the Land Records Office?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Could not the office of the Health Officer be located in that place?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—For one thing that question has not been considered. I don't think that there is space enough to shift any more offices.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether all the buildings there are occupied now?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I suppose if the Land Records Office is also shifted all the available space will be occupied.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is there not one full block and a portion of the other block unoccupied?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Three blocks have been completely occupied and one block remains and there is also part of another block.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—And the whole space is necessary for locating the Land Records Office?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The remaining space will be necessary for locating the Land Records Office.

Anchal Offices.

221. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how many Anchal Offices are there in the State ;

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